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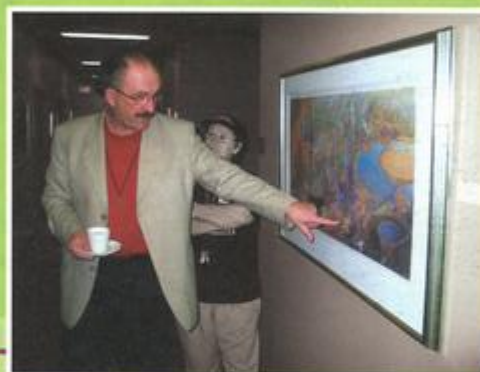
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Faith, Learning and Living

by Justin D. Cooper

Our theme for this year, "Give Me an Undivided Heart," based on Psalm 86:11, points to the nature of our mission as an institution of higher education in the Reformed Christian tradition. There the Psalmist David says, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

Teaching God's way, walking in his truth and fearing the Lord—this is precisely what we seek to help students do as we relate learning, living and faith in the context of a Scripturally directed education, an education that recognizes the all-embracing character of Christ's renewing work. This is our basis as we offer a Christian university education for the whole person—a quality academic program and also a meaningful co-curricular program—as well as supporting the scholarship and creative endeavour of our faculty.

And including both of these emphases contribute to making our campus such a vibrant Christian academic community. We maintain high academic



“ Our mission... involves relating faith to learning and living both in and beyond the classroom.”

standards, and this includes supporting the scholarship of our faculty to enable them to be engaged in their area of specialty. And our teaching is aimed at preparing students for lives of leadership and service, a goal that is strengthened by their experiences in co-curricular

activities, carried on in a spiritual and caring campus atmosphere.

Some would see our focus as our academic program and minimize the importance of student development and mentoring. Others understand that a Christian liberal arts and sciences approach to university education involves both of these dimensions but would question the need to encourage professors to engage in research and scholarship.

This issue of *Images* is a good reminder of the full scope of our mission as a Christian university. It involves relating faith to learning and living both in and beyond the classroom, and the work of our Student Life staff plays an important role in this latter focus. Our mission also includes the pursuit of faithful Christian scholarship, both by our students and especially in our professors' research and creative endeavours.

Please join in praying for our faculty, staff and students, that together we may continue to carry out the full scope of our mission in ways that honour Jesus Christ and his Lordship and help to prepare a new generation of faithful Christian leaders, who live the theme of Psalm 86:11. ■

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Front Cover: This fall marks three new "installations" at Redeemer. Dr. Craig Bartholomew was installed as the new H. Evan Runner Chair of Philosophy and Professor of Religion and Theology (see p. 5), Art Professor James Tughan's work *The Dreaming of Lions Project* was installed along a wing of classrooms near the Art Gallery (see p. 17), and construction began on the South Wing Expansion, which, when completed, will be a very substantial "installation" (p. 7).

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Redeemer University College is a Christian liberal arts and science university, offering courses and programs leading to a bachelor's degree. Redeemer serves almost 900 students on its 90-acre campus on the outskirts of Hamilton.

School Theme 2004-2005: Give Me an Undivided Heart



*Give me an
undivided heart*

The logo that
accompanies this
year's theme was
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Each academic year, the Student Life Department chooses a theme on which the Redeemer community will reflect and focus. This year's theme comes from Psalm 86:11, where King David prays, "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name."

At Opening Convocation, President Cooper spoke on this passage, encouraging students, faculty and staff to join with David in his plea for whole-hearted devotion to God. This is not limited to our personal devotional life, but is central to the very idea of Redeemer – to seek God's truth in all aspects of life, including learning and scholarship.

Dr. Cooper closed his address by quoting St. Augustine: "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in God." In a culture distorted and divided by sin, this peace is the promised blessing for those who seek Him. ■

Enrolment Continues to Climb

For the sixth consecutive year, Redeemer University College has reached record enrolment numbers. According to statistics released by Marian Ryks-Szelekovsky, Senior Director (Admissions and Student Services), there are 876 students enrolled for the 2004-05 academic year, an increase of just over 7% from last year.

Redeemer welcomed 276 full- and part-time students who are at Redeemer for the first time, either as first year or transfer students, or those who are in the new consecutive Bachelor of Education program. Another 600 students resumed study on either a full-time or part-time basis.

Other notes on this year's student body:

- They come from 45 different denominations;
- 42% of new, and 48% of all students attend the Christian Reformed Church;
- Of the 178 first-year students from Ontario, 46% come from Christian high schools or were home-schooled; 52% came from public or separate high schools;
- 41% of all first-year students were awarded academic scholarships by Redeemer University College.

Although the majority of first year students are 18 years old when they arrive at Redeemer, the end of Ontario's 5-year high school program has seen the number of 17 year old students rise to 21% of all those who are entering directly from high school.

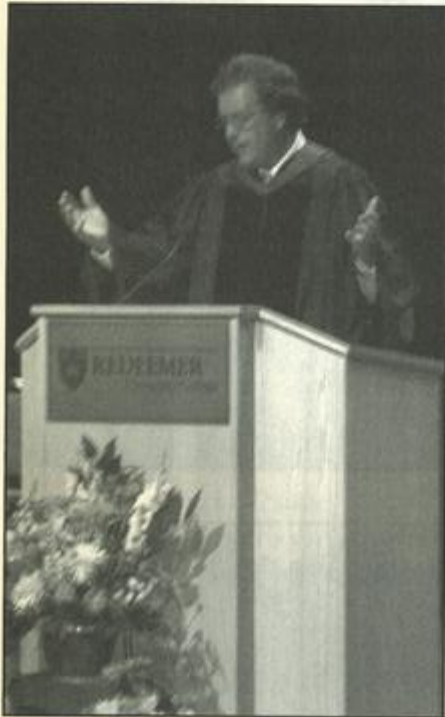
Students have come to Redeemer from 10 countries, 11 US states, and 8 Canadian provinces (missing Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador this year).

Redeemer's residences are at capacity this year, acting as a home away from home for 452 students.

The new Bachelor of Education program accepted its first students this year. After the program received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Ontario College of Teachers this past January of 2004, the Admissions Office handled over 100 applications for this fall's intake. Twenty-seven students were accepted into the new Consecutive Education program; of those, 4 were admitted into the existing Bachelor of Christian Education program, joining the 14 students who are continuing in it. ■

For Such a Time as This

Dr. Craig Bartholomew
Inaugurated as Runner Chair



Above: Dr. Bartholomew's address was a highlight of the Inaugural Ceremony.

On Friday, October 1, Dr. Craig Bartholomew loudly proclaimed three cheers for neo-Calvinism in his inaugural lecture, *For Such a Time as This*. Dr. Bartholomew delivered his lecture as part of the ceremony in which he was inaugurated as the H. Evan Runner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Religion and Theology. Redeemer's first endowed professorship, the chair was created to honour and promote the tradition of philosophy that the late H. Evan Runner, a Calvin College philosophy professor who taught several generations of students in a faithful and fruitful career.

The lecture reflects a tide of neo-Calvinist revival that is starting to sweep campus. Dr. Bartholomew, the mentor and faculty visionary of a group called "Kuyper's Café,"

has been calling students with a passion for Christ and engaging His world to wrestle with the implications of that vision. Dr. Bartholomew commented that his position as the new Runner Chair in Philosophy certainly suits this ambition well, and he thanked both Redeemer and the Chair's sponsors for the opportunity to continue his work, which is he also sees as his calling.

At the heart of this spectacular vision of Christianity is Abraham Kuyper's oft quoted dictum, which Bartholomew recited with no apologies: "*There is no square inch of creation over which Christ does not cry, mine!*" Presented as a call to the Redeemer community to rediscover the richness of its own tradition, the inaugural was inspiring, motivating, impassioned, complete in all but a concluding altar call. ■

Rob Joustra is a fourth-year History major from Osgoode, ON.

Guiding the Campaign

The Growing with Integrity Steering Committee met this August to review progress of the \$15 million capital campaign and to offer advice on carrying out the next stage of the Campaign.

Chaired by former Hamilton Mayor Bob Wade, the Steering Committee made a number of helpful suggestions on how to proceed to meeting the goals of the campaign, and encouraged

staff to continue with their efforts. Dr. Cooper thanked the Steering Committee for the important role that it has in providing direction and opening doors for Redeemer. ■

Right: The Steering Committee (l-r):
Back: Bill van Staaldin, Vice-President (Advancement); Tim Wolfert, Alumni Office; Bert Bakker, Secretary, Redeemer Foundation; Art Dubbeldam, Vice-Chair, Redeemer Board of Governors; Ben Stegeman, Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving. Front: Diane Dent, Director of Development, Justin Cooper, Bob Wade, Former Mayor of the City of Hamilton, Rita Klein-Geltink, Director of the *Growing with Integrity* Campaign.



Construction Begins on South Wing

Under a beautiful fall sky, construction finally began on Redeemer's 56,000 square-foot South Wing Expansion. The centerpiece of Redeemer's campus expansion plan, the South Wing will house the Peter Turkstra Library on the main floor, and new classrooms and lecture halls on the upper floor.

Although the official Groundbreaking was this past June, students, who were not present then, were invited to the construction site for a ceremony to mark the actual start of construction. In his remarks, President Cooper thanked the team of staff and faculty who worked with the architectural firm Reinders + Rieder to design the facility. Dr. Cooper also talked about how the South Wing is just one step in Redeemer's continued growth as an institution, one more sign of how God has blessed the institution.

Redeemer's Student Senate President Karmyn Giesbrecht noted that even though a number of students will graduate before the expansion will be completed, all students are excited about the project. She also expressed the student body's deep appreciation for the work by staff and faculty that has gone into this project,



Above: The South Wing Expansion will include a 53 x 33.75 meter (174' x 110') addition that faces Garner Road.

Right: (l-r) President Cooper, Student Senate President Karmyn Giesbrecht, Len Vanderweerd, General Manager of Graceview Enterprises and Janny Eikelbom, Senior Director (Library and Information Services) preside over the ceremonial sod-turning on Tuesday, October 12.



and is especially grateful for the supporters of Redeemer who have promoted and provided for such a big vision of Christian higher education.

The construction project is being managed by Graceview Enterprises of Belmont, ON, which was represented at the ceremony by General Manager Len Vanderweerd. In his remarks, Vanderweerd pointed out that

James Van Gorp, Vice-President of Graceview, graduated from Redeemer in 2000, and is thrilled to now be involved in its expansion.

The South Wing is expected to be completed in the Fall of 2005. Please visit www.redeemer.on.ca/construction/ for more photos and updates on the project. ■

Campus Developments Highlighted at Annual General Meeting

The 22nd Annual General Meeting was held at Redeemer on Friday, October 1, in a new dinner format attended by over 100 people. It was an exciting evening, scheduled in conjunction with the inauguration of Dr. Craig Bartholomew as the H. Evan Runner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Religion and Theology.

The main business of the Meeting was to elect a number of new Board and Senate members. Elected to serve for a three-year term on the Board were Cor Baarda, Wendy Saunders, Heather Ford, Ray Pennings, and Richard Strikwerda.

The following retiring Board members were also thanked for

their dedicated service: Charlie Fluit, Rev. Howard McPhee, Garth Cubitt, Allan Cuzen and Allen James.

In reviewing the past year, President Cooper and Board Chair Brian Verheul were able to report on a number of positive items, including the initial accreditation and launching of the new B.Ed. program and the approval to proceed with the library/classroom expansion of the academic building. Also noted were the plans to build new student residences (to be called Knox Court) and other planned campus infrastructure improvements, all made possible by the generous support for the campus development campaign, which has now reached

\$7.5 million.

Retiring Treasurer Charlie Fluit gave a positive financial report, indicating that, for the fourth year in a row, Redeemer ended the year with a balanced budget (actually a small surplus), thanks to prudent fiscal management and the faithful support of its community. The long-term debt also continues to be paid down, although allowance has been made for the purchase of additional land for the campus, which now totals almost 90 acres. Members left the meeting with a clear sense of the Lord's continued blessing on the work and mission of Redeemer University College. ■

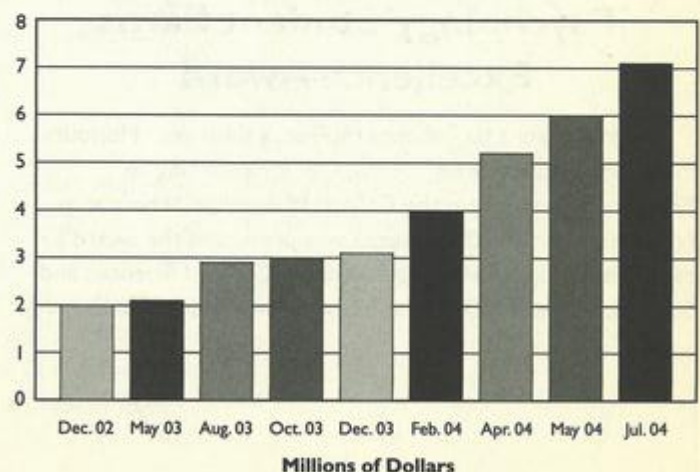
Campaign Results Continue to Climb

The Growing with Integrity Campaign is the largest capital expansion project that Redeemer has undertaken since the campus was constructed in 1986. With a total donation goal of \$12.5 million, the Campaign is an ambitious three-year plan that will facilitate construction on the academic building, new residences, and several environmental and infrastructure enhancements.

Since the Campaign's beginning in late 2002, we have been blessed by the way that Redeemer's support community has generously participated in this initiative. We give thanks to God for all those donors who have enabled us to reach this point, and we anticipate His continued favour on the rest of the Campaign's activities. ■

GWI Campaign Results

Fall '02 - Present



Linking to the Blogging World

On-Line Forums Create Space for Dialogue

by Andrew Vis

<http://andrewvis.blogspot.com>

Although they may not have a lot of it, one way that Redeemer students are filling their spare time is by blogging. An increasing number of students and faculty at Redeemer are joining the blogging community, exploring this exciting, multi-faceted online new world.

What is a blog? A blog might best be described as a personal online journal. Through online servers such as BlogSpot, anyone can sign up for a personal website on which to share stories, thoughts, struggles, political opinions, poetry, etc. Since there are no criteria outlining exactly what a blogsite's contents are supposed to be, they taken a variety of forms, many with their own distinctive flair. One of the unique features of most blogs

is that they have a comment system, where visitors to a site may respond to the author, creating a dialogue between various bloggers.

Since last year, when they became popular with Redeemer students, blogs have become another way that students use to further their education outside of the classroom. While some students are using their blogs simply as a diary to relate personal anecdotes or to vent after a frustrating day, many students use their blogs as a vehicle for struggling with some of life's big questions. Within the Redeemer blogging community in particular, students examine commonly-held assumptions, discuss the meaning of life, engage culture, and try to understand what it means to be a Christian. And often they do so with a passion that far exceeds the

passion with which they approach their schoolwork!

While there have been critiques launched against the entire concept of blogging, it is hard to refute that blogging has enormous potential. As a medium of communication, blogging opens up an incredible opportunity for learning and the possibility of dialogue among those who might otherwise never come in contact with each other. And beyond that, blogging offers students a way to procrastinate that is far more edifying than TV!

To get a flavour of blogging, check out some of these sites which are hosted by Redeemer faculty and students.

www.gideonstrauss.com
www.byzantine-calvinist.blogspot.com
www.quickstix.blogspot.com
www.robjoustra.com

Redeemer University College does not operate or endorse any of the content on these sites. ■

Psychology Student Earns Excellence Award

Congratulations to Rebecca McGee, a third-year Honours Psychology student from Orillia, ON for receiving an Excellence Award from the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation for \$4,000. Rebecca was presented the award by President Cooper, Dr. Doug Needham, Dean of Sciences and Social Sciences and Dr. Jacob Ellens Vice-President (Academic).



Coming Events at Redeemer

Redeemer University College welcomes everyone to attend the following public activities. For a complete list of upcoming events, visit the "What's Happening at Redeemer" section at www.redeemer.on.ca.

Unless stated otherwise, the events are free, and on Redeemer's campus.

Tickets are available through the Box Office, (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4211.

November 3

Redeemer University College is launching The Bernard Zylstra Lecture Series, named after the late Dr. Bernard Zylstra. The guest speaker is Dr. Theodore Roosevelt Malloch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Roosevelt Group. For further information, call (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4414.

November 11

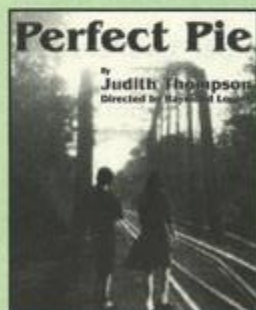
Dr. Nicholas Terpstra, Associate Professor at the University of Toronto, Dept. of History, will lead a Faculty Colloquium entitled "When the Saints Come Marching In: Civic Religion in Italian Renaissance," in the Redeemer Boardroom at 4:00 p.m.

November 12

The opening of "The Body Redeemed," a collection of oil painting exhibited by Maria Gabankova. 7:00pm in the Art Gallery. The exhibit continues to December 21.

November 18

The Business Community is invited to Redeemer University College's Fourth Annual Business Community Open House on Thursday November 18, 2004 from 4:30-6:30 pm in the Center Foyer.



November 23-27

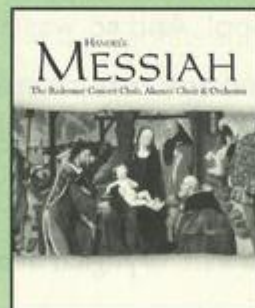
The Fall Mainstage Play will feature "Perfect Pie," by Judith Thompson, directed by Prof. Raymond Louter. Preview performance on Tuesday, November 23 at 7:30 pm, and there is a matinee performance on Wednesday, November 24 at 12:00 pm. November 25, 26, 27 performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12, Students/Seniors \$10. Matinee and Preview Performances are \$6. For a description of this thought-provoking, serious drama, visit www.redeemer.on.ca/academics/theatre/press.htm

November 25

Presented by Rob Joustra and John Den Boer, under the supervision of Dr. Jim Payton, Professor of History, a Faculty/Student Colloquium entitled "Invasion and Empire: Nomads in Eastern Europe and the Middle East," and will be held in the Boardroom at 4:00 p.m.

December 2

Poetry Reading featuring Pier Giorgio di Cicco; 4:15 pm in the Redeemer Boardroom. Presented in cooperation with the Canada Council for the Arts.



December 3, 4

The Redeemer Concert Choir Christmas concert will feature Handel's "Messiah," conducted by Dr. Christiaan Teeuwssen and featuring the Redeemer Concert and Alumni Choirs & Orchestra. The first performance will be held on Friday, December 3 in the Redeemer University College Auditorium and the second performance will be held on Saturday, December 4 in the Centenary United Church in downtown Hamilton. Tickets are \$16, Students/Seniors \$14.

January 22

Poetry Reading featuring Molly Peacock; 4:15 pm in the Redeemer Boardroom. Presented in cooperation with the Canada Council for the Arts.

Student Life: On a Mission

by Judith Byl '03 and Tim Wolfert '87

Adriana Woudstra's two daughters were getting ready to go back to school. And so was she. With some apprehension, Adriana enrolled as a mature student at Redeemer University College in 1998. As she began to adjust to being a student again, she went to the Student Life department one day with a question. Sylvia van Wyngaarden, the Departmental Assistant at the time, greeted her with a bright, "Hello, Adriana."

Taken aback, Adriana asked, "How do you know my name?"

Sylvia responded, "We make it our business to know students' names." Adriana breathed a sigh of relief; she knew that she had come to the right place.

The Student Life department at Redeemer has been in the business of knowing students' names—and needs—for a long time. The department continues to change and grow as it strives to meet the needs of the student body. The current complement of 5 full-time and 3 part-time staff work to meet its goal of providing the support on Redeemer's campus needed to facilitate a "Christian community in an academic environment."

"Students are not exclusively academic beings," notes Dean of Students Fred Schat. "Although they are at Redeemer primarily because they are seeking a university education, we don't want to neglect their emotional,

physical and spiritual health." Dean Schat considers the role of Student Life as being not separate from, but rather co-curricular with, the academic activities of the university. "Our department may have a more social emphasis, but it works in concert with faculty to develop and strengthen education at all levels." This holistic approach is developed in part by providing venues and opportunities for students to relate with faculty outside of the classroom. Student Life organizes a number of activities, such as discussion groups on topics that range from human sexuality to economic injustice in the Third World, that involve faculty in the lives of students outside

the classroom.

The Student Life Mission Statement (see p. 11) outlines this partnership idea and the holistic approach of the department. This declaration also mirrors a number of key Objectives of Redeemer's institutional Mission Statement, such as: "to equip students for lives of leadership and service under the Lordship of Jesus Christ" and "to be an academic community in which faculty, staff, and students can develop intellectually, socially and spiritually," glorifying God in all things. One of the central ways the Student Life department works out several of these objectives is through its Residence Life program.

The townhouse-style residences support Redeemer's institutional purpose of exploring "the relation of faith, learning, and living from a Reformed Christian perspective." In the dorms, this relation is worked out in a community where students learn practical life and social skills while pursuing their education. These skills extend beyond cooking, doing laundry and learning to keep the living space clean enough to pass that first mid-semester dorm inspection. At its heart, students learn how to live and work together with others in all aspects of daily life.

In a townhouse of six or seven first-year students, many of whom

may have never lived on their own before, the key figure in ensuring that things go well in the dorm is the Resident Advisor (RA). Hired by the Student Life Department, the RA is a senior student who supervises and organizes of residence life.

Resident Advisors are key partners of the Student Life staff, and as such are carefully chosen and nurtured. The hiring and training of Resident Advisors is the responsibility of Eileen Fallon, the Assistant Dean of Students. Ms Fallon is not looking for strict disciplinarians, those who can "whip people into shape." Instead, "the ideal RAs," she says, "are those who are eager to engage their culture and their community; they are the students who live a balanced life, who are involved in life both on- and off-campus." In particular, Fallon is looking for those students who are journeying in their spiritual life, and are open to sharing that with others. "We are looking for evidence that the student has the ability and the capacity to reflect to others the God-given grace that she or he has experienced in their lives."

Grace is a quality that all RAs will need, both to experience and extend, when stress and conflicts arise – which they inevitably do. Fallon and the rest of the Student Life staff have created a development program that assists RAs as they deal with situations that often arise through the course of the year. Already in the summer, they are assigned

The Student Life Mission Statement.

As Christ's servants and as educators, in partnership with our university colleagues, the Student Life staff invites students to develop a vital relationship with God, grow in genuine self-understanding, and actively engage the world of which they are a part. Through our services and programs we seek to weave learning into life, and to instill in our students the desire and courage to live redemptively, address injustice, discern culture, serve others, and offer leadership so that God may be honoured.

Providing Help with Students Coming and Going

The Student Life department deals with much more than just Residence Life. In fact, students can expect to see Student Life staff behind activities from their first days as a student to the time when they are preparing to graduate to life beyond Redeemer. Activities and Orientation Coordinator, Matt Pamplin, is responsible for creating a welcome and enjoyable environment for students, especially in the first few weeks of September. Assisted by a group of returning students known as the Freshman Daze Committee, he plans events to keep students excited and challenged. "Orientation aims to give students a rounded view of their life at Redeemer," notes Pamplin. "Not only are there games, but we also host worship nights, chapel, and volunteer activities to help in the community."

For those students who are beginning to look at life beyond Redeemer, Career and Placement Coordinator, John Krueger, is a great resource to be able to tap into. Besides his work as director of the Academic Support Program, Krueger provides counselling, personality testing and other services to help students clarify their academic and career goals. Krueger provides a number of career support services, such as help with resume writing, interview skills, and preparing teacher credential files, for students looking to enter the job market directly after Redeemer. For those students looking to pursue graduate studies, the Career and Placement Office offers information about graduate and post-degree programs, including an annual information session that includes Redeemer alumni who are in graduate studies. ■

The Student Life Staff: (l-r)

Fred Schat, Nancy Hartholt, Departmental Assistant Jennifer Zuidema, Eileen Fallon, Sharon Schotsman, Matt Pamplin. Absent from the photo are John Krueger and Rev. Robb Powell, Campus Ministries Coordinator.



Part of the Team: Student Life is assisted by a host of student workers and volunteers, they gathered for this photo during their orientation and training week.

a book (this year, it was Henri Nouwen's *In the Name of Jesus*) and asked to reflect on how they will implement their goals and plans for the year as an RA. Their "job" officially begins before classes start when they take part in a one-week training and orientation program. Working with Student Life staff and a number of guest speakers, the RAs are led in seminars and workshops on topics ranging from CPR and First Aid to conflict management. "One of the key components of the program is that it encourages

the RAs to better understand themselves, and how they will react in certain situations," notes Fallon. Understanding their own tendencies, through exercises such as the Myers-Briggs Personality Test, and through a series of role-playing exercises that place the RA/HA in scenarios they will likely face through the year, allows these students to see how their own personalities affect how they deal with a situation – and how they may need to look beyond that to respond effectively.

The RAs and Fallon continue

to meet throughout the year, to discuss issues of common concern, for further training, and for prayer and mutual encouragement. "This can be such a great job," exclaims Fallon, "but if things are not dealt with early, it can escalate into something very large and unpleasant. I'm a steadfast proponent of preventative medicine, always after the RAs to work pro-actively."

All of this training not only benefits the Resident Advisors in their position, it is also an opportunity for each to develop leadership and interpersonal skills that can be transferred to other areas of their life. Micah van Dijk is fourth-year Music and Psychology major who has chosen to live on-campus for all four years of his university education, even though his family home is only ten minutes from campus. He wanted to be an RA this year so that he could "continue to be part of campus life, and to give back a bit; to share with first-year students what life at Redeemer is all about." Although he lives with what he describes as "a great bunch of guys who have given me no real problems," he still values the training that he has received. "I think that I've been able to head off a couple of issues before they even came up. I can see how personalities can play such an important role, even beyond the dorm."

Education, especially Christian education, is more than just books, papers and tests. Redeemer's Institutional Purpose proclaims

that a Christian education "will help strengthen students' commitment to the Christian faith and better prepare them to exercise their God-given talents and abilities in the full range of life's callings and vocations." Echoing those comments, Dr. Clyde Ervine, Director of Pastoral Studies at the Presbyterian College in Montreal asserts the very process of Christian education should instill knowledge and discernment, practical skills, and a living relationship with Christ, which are all integrated together.

Redeemer teaches students

not only how to make a living, but more importantly, how to live as agents of grace in a fallen world. Referring to the work of the Student Life staff, Dean Schat comments that "our goal is to prepare them, in all parts of their lives, for the work that the Lord calls them to do." Through Residence Life and many of the other ways they serve students, the Student Life department encourages students' personal development and fosters a Christian community, not just for fun, but for a life of service to Jesus Christ. ■



Micah's Men: Some of the residents – and some of their friends – of Calvin Court Residence 2, with their Residence Advisor Micah van Dijk (front row, seated). Back Row (l-r): Brian Salemink, Dan Tilstra, Randall Benbow and Brad Klein-Geltink. Front Row: James Bloemendal, Micah and Tom Deelstra.

Specialized Support

For most students, university studies are challenging enough. For students who have a physical impairment, the task can be much more daunting. Special Needs Coordinator, Nancy Hartholt '92, acts as a resource and advocate for the 41 students at Redeemer who have an identified disability or other special need. She provides a number of academic and personal supports for students with disabilities, and liaises with staff, faculty and organizations such as the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on their behalf.

Sharon Schotsman '91, the Assistant Residence & International Student Coordinator, assists those students who face the challenges of adjusting not just to a new dorm, but also a new culture. There are about 15 international students currently at Redeemer, from every continent except Australia. Beyond helping students with their questions about visas and the like, Schotsman also works to develop programs that raise cultural awareness and sensitivity, such as the Mosaic Club. ■

Judith Byl '03, a veteran of the Redeemer career counselling office, is currently teaching English as a Second Language and is working on an M.A. in English Literature at Concordia University in Montréal.

Forms, Fees, and Photos

Redeemer Students Line up to Begin the Year at Check-In Day

How do you get almost 900 students to pay their bills, move in to their dorms, get their ID cards, and take care of a host of little details that need to be arranged before the start of classes? At Redeemer, that is all done on Check-In Day, where students, often accompanied by parents, wind their way through the gymnasium to visit as many as 16 stations.

Organized by Laura Trapasso of the Admissions Office, it is a huge logistical undertaking, involving well over

60 staff and student assistants. It is also the first impression that many students and their families have of life at Redeemer.

On Labour Day, Jessica Dzelme, a first-year student from Cambridge, allowed a photographer to accompany her and parents Arnie and Linda through the process. We want to thank the Dzelmes for sharing this experience in *Images*.

Getting Connected.

Gerrit Hagen, Technical Manager at Redeemer, helps get Jessica set up on-line. All Redeemer students are given an email account and access to the Redeemer computer network. At this station students will need to sign the Computer Use Agreement, which outlines policy and regulations regarding the use of computers at Redeemer.



The day only gets easier from here.

Ben Stegeman, Director of Stewardship and Planned Giving, shares a laugh with Jessica and her parents while outlining payment options. The first stop for all students in the Check-In process is arranging to pay for their tuition and other fees. Although it is serious business – several thousand dollars for most students – the staff working at the Business Office does try to keep a light touch as it outlines the various payment options. The good news for students and their families: the most expensive part of the day is done.



May I help you?

Third-year student Rita Tory helps Jessica figure out which station is next. Rita is one of a number of students, called Traffic Cops, who assist the different departments on Check-In Day.

Signing Up to Sign Out.

On the back of Jessica's student ID card will be a bar code that will give her borrowing privileges at Redeemer's Library. Public Services Librarian Marlene Power registers Jessica's card on the library database.



Just one More Form.

The last stop before leaving the gym is the Athletics station where Jessica is asked to complete an athlete registration form.



Lots of Little Things.

Long-distance phone service, dorm keys, mailbox keys, Agenda books, Orientation T-shirts, parking permits, Yearbook order... Jessica makes her way through a series of stations to pick up or sign up a number of items and activities. Here, she picks up her mailbox and dorm keys from fourth-year student Johan Van Walderveen and Director of Physical Plant Ralph Hart.



That wasn't so bad now, was it?

Jessica, with her parents Linda and Arnie, made it through the Check-In stations in just over 75 minutes; and they are still smiling. Jessica's reaction to the whole process: "It wasn't that bad; we were able to get everything done with no hassles; ... The process really helps relax and welcome new students."



Say Cheese!

Jessica's photo will be used for her student ID card, the Student Directory and the Yearbook. Students will need a photo ID card for many on-campus services, as well as for access to the Hamilton Street and Rail bus network. Part of their fees, each full-time student at Redeemer is given unlimited access to HSR service. PJ Vanderkooij, from Redeemer's Communications Office, takes the photos.

Now comes the fun part...

—off to Jessica's residence, where her parents will help move her in and then... say good-bye. Jessica will spend the rest of the day finding her way around and getting involved in the host of Orientation activities planned by Student Life. For those on Redeemer's staff, there will be a debriefing a few weeks later to examine how the registration process can be streamlined and improved in time for next year's crowd. ■

Studying in the City of Lights

Language, Culture, History, Travel and other educational experiences abound in Paris

In the June 04 issue, Images profiled those Redeemer students who spent time studying at Oxford University in England. In the spirit of bi-culturalism, we also would like to share the experiences of those Redeemer students who were at the Sorbonne, the section of the University of Paris which teaches international students.

Alison Sherman '04 is currently in the B. Ed. Program at Nipissing University in North Bay, preparing to become a high school teacher. She reflects on her experiences in Paris:



Above: Redeemer students studying at the Sorbonne last year prepare to storm the castle at Chenonceaux, in the Loire River valley. Left to right: Rana Dreise, Alison Sherman, Alejandra Ara-Montichard, Hilary Glasbergen and Kimberly Hultink.

Why would I want to go all the way to Paris to complete my undergraduate studies? I think the better question would be – **Why wouldn't I want to go?**

Sure, there were some hassles in spending 9 months overseas, especially when I was applying for teacher's college. And yes, I did incur a few extra expenses, such as the cost of coming home for Christmas. Also, Europe is much less comfort-oriented than North America, something that does take some getting used to.

But in my mind, the advantages to studying overseas far outweigh any drawbacks. I plan to teach French, so what better place to improve my conversation skills than in the hub of France? In this, the cradle of French civilization, I've been able to visit the sites of my history lessons. I now have a wealth of stories and first-hand experiences to share with my students as I present French

culture, history and society.

Beyond the classrooms of the Sorbonne, living in a large European city has taught me so much. In Paris, I've learned about other cultures as I got to know the girls in my residence. They came from a wide range of countries, but all spoke French fluently. I've even had lessons in Moroccan dance! And, of course, the travel opportunities are endless.

The semester in France also caused me to rethink my lifestyle and my values, which has been a good character-building exercise. Although France is well-known for its policy of official secularism, those of us there were not left to fend for ourselves. Paris has a well-established network of faculty-based Christian fellowship groups known as GBU (Groupes Bibliques Universitaires). We connected immediately with these groups, and are very thankful for the teaching and the communion these groups provided. We had

opportunities to minister openly, bringing food and clothing to some of the many homeless people in Paris, and to share the gospel with friends.

After hearing about the program from Dr. Thea Rusthoven, I realized that it would be foolish not to go. The program at the Sorbonne is designed specifically for foreign students learning French as a second language, and the professors are all experts in their fields. Thanks to scholarships and other aid, financing the year was not a problem. God took care of my other concerns, such as being so far from home. I knew He'd given me His blessing, and so I went. I'm sure glad I did; what a great year it was! ■

Redeemer Faculty Garner Awards

Two Redeemer faculty members were recently recognized by various community groups with prestigious awards.



Dr. David T. Koyzis, Professor of Political Science won an award for his recent book *Political Visions & Illusions*, published by Intervarsity Press. Dr. Koyzis' book won in the **Best Book, Culture** category of the World Guild's *Canadian Christian Writing Awards* for 2004. The awards recognize the best writing published in 2003 by Canadian writers who are Christian.



This category, which is sponsored by the weekly Christian newspaper *The Christian Herald*, featured three other books, including one by Jean Vanier and one by Brian Stiller. The award was announced on June 18 in Guelph, Ontario during *Write! Canada*, the twentieth annual "God Uses Ink" Christian writers' conference. Previously, Career and Placement Coordinator John Krueger and English Professor Hugh Cook have won awards at this conference, but in other categories.

At the Tenth Annual Partners in Education Breakfast, hosted by the Industry Education Council of Hamilton, **Patricia Slade**, Assistant Professor of Social Work, was honoured with a *Hamilton Spectator* Publisher's Award. Presented by Jagoda Pike, Publisher of the *Spectator*, the award spotlights leading partnership practitioners from all levels of education.

Professor Slade was recognized for her active promotion of experiential learning. By connecting with various local agencies and organizations, she creates opportunities for social work students to work in field and to obtain hands-on experience through internships and practica. Beyond the educational benefit of such activities, Prof. Slade notes that the community-building aspect of these experiences is just as important. That's why she has also organized several volunteer work experiences in places such as New York City immediately after 9/11 and last year at the Louisville's Wayside Christian Mission, and has encouraged students to become involved in the community by developing a Social Work Club at Redeemer. ■



Art Installation Opens

Dr. Doug and Mrs. June Barber stand with Dr. Cooper and Art Professor James Tughan at the opening of Tughan's *The Dreaming of Lions Project* on October 15. Located in the hallway just off the Art Gallery, this installation is presented with The Semaphore Institute, and made possible in part by a donation by the Barbers.

The Dreaming of Lions Project is a collection of 17 chalk pastel pieces that Tughan has been developing since 1995. The goal of the project is to reflect a Christian view of reality using a style known as "Cartographic realism." This style employs a love of surface pattern and texture in narrative sequences to draw a viewer into an imaginary world.

In his Artist's Statement, Tughan asks "How do you convey references to multiple levels of reality, beyond, but also including, the surface of things?" By using images as a metaphors for ideas, Tughan has created "a story about seeing."

The last addition to this gallery will be a large map table. Tughan hopes this space will serve as a quiet place for students to rest, reflect, and meditate. ■

From Ivory Tower to Parish Misitery

Redeemer faculty at the forefront of academic movement that seeks to help the church

Many Christians, especially those who would classify themselves as conservative, evangelical, or Reformed, are wary of the field of hermeneutics, the academic study of how we read and *understand* Scripture. "The Bible is the infallible word of God. If the Bible says it, it's true; what's to understand about that?" is a common response when the topic is raised.

But reading the Bible can be much deeper and more nuanced, notes Dr. Craig Bartholomew, the H. Evan Runner Professor of Philosophy and Professor of Religion and Theology at Redeemer. "Hermeneutics," according to Bartholomew, "is a sophisticated word for knowing better how to *listen* to the text so as to hear properly what God is saying to his people, at this time and in this place." It is a discipline that, over the years, has seen Western academic circles reduce the Bible to nothing more than an ancient artifact and product of its time, with very little to say to us in the present, especially as Scripture or the word of God.

Recognizing a crisis in the field, in 1998 Bartholomew organized the Scripture and Hermeneutics Project. This 10-year long project was made possible with



Above: Dr. Craig Bartholomew, Director, and Ms Rosemary Hales, Administrative Manager, staff the Scripture and Hermeneutics Office at Redeemer. Drs. Mike Goheen (l) and Al Wolters (r) have made valuable contributions to the Project over the years.

the support of a grant from the British and Foreign Bible Society (UK), and consists of a series of annual Seminars which feature Christian scholars from various disciplines. Out of these "consultations," which are by invitation only, has come a series of books, called the Scripture and Hermeneutics Series.

The goal of the Project is to renew interpretation of the Bible as Scripture in academic circles and to make it relevant for the Church. "Too often," notes Bartholomew, the Project's Director, "the academy has been a hindrance to the church; we want to help the church better understand what Scripture, as Word of God, is saying to us today." In commenting on *Renewing Biblical Interpretation*, the first volume of the Series, Dr. Kevin J. Vanhoozer, Research

Professor of Systematic Theology at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois noted that "This... holds out the hope that certain hermeneutical developments will lead not only to the renewal of biblical interpretation, but to the renewal of the church itself."

One of the unique aspects of the Seminars is the overtly Christian manner in which they are carried out. "At

this summer's Seminar at Jesus College, a part of Oxford University, we spent a lot of time in prayer, seeking the Spirit's leading in our work," notes Dr. Al Wolters, Professor of Religion and Theology. "For an academic conference, even one involving Biblical scholars, that was quite unusual; but it was very enriching, and telling of the nature of the work we are trying to do."

Over the years, several Redeemer faculty have been involved with the Project. Dr. Elaine Botha (now retired), a personal friend of Bartholomew's from their days together in South Africa, will be honoured for her early work with the Project this fall, when the latest volume in the Series will be dedicated to her. Drs. Mike Goheen and Al Wolters have both presented at the Seminar, and have contributed to

various books in the Series. And Dr. Jacob Ellens attended the most recent Seminar as a representative of Redeemer.

The Scripture and Hermeneutics Project now has four partners that provide the resources needed to carry out its mission: The Bible Society, the University of Gloucestershire (UK), Baylor University in Texas, and Redeemer. Redeemer's involvement in the project has become much more active over the last year, first when Dr. Bartholomew accepted his position at Redeemer this past January, and again this September, when Rosemary Hales, the Project's Administrative Manager, came over from the UK to set up the Scripture and Hermeneutics office at Redeemer. "Rosemary

is, in many ways, the glue that holds the whole project together," notes Dr. Goheen. "It will be a tremendous help to the Project to have her here."

The strategic and pivotal questions being explored by the Scripture and Hermeneutics Project place it in the forefront of an international movement. "It's also putting Redeemer on the map in a number of academic circles," notes Goheen. "When I told one scholar, a world-class expert in his field from the United States, that we are hosting the Project, he said that, if he had to, he would 'hitch-hike his way to Redeemer' to learn more about what the work Craig and the rest are doing 'up there.' People are excited about this research, and the way that it is opening up

Scripture for our culture."

It is also the type of work that is central to Redeemer's mission to bring the light of the Gospel to all areas of academics. The Seminar is explicitly interdisciplinary, seeking the insights of not only Biblical scholars, but also of philosophers, linguistic theorists and historians. And in turn, these varied branches of study help all of us, academic or not, to better hear and understand God's Word. ■

Editor's note: This is only a very brief introduction to the Scripture and Hermeneutics Project. Those wishing to learn more are encouraged to visit the Project's website at: <http://www.sahs-info.org/index.html>. Some material in this article is drawn from this source.

Reading Scripture as "Our Story"

Drs. Craig Bartholomew and Mike Goheen have co-written a book that will be published this November by Baker Academic. In the book, titled *The Drama of Scripture – Finding our Place in the Biblical Story*, Bartholomew and Goheen provide an engaging overview of the story line and theology of the Bible. As the authors suggest in their introduction, it is only as we read and appropriate the Bible "as our story" that we fully understand it and allow it to have authority over us. As we enter into the story of the Bible, we find God revealed there and are called to participate in His continuing activity. The

biblical story, then, is foundational to Christian thinking and living.

Working from this perspective, the authors survey the story in Scripture. Their work is part introduction, part commentary, part theology, and thoroughly engaging. They suggest two over-arching themes running throughout the story — "covenant" in the Old Testament and "the kingdom of God" in the New Testament. These two themes effectively summarize the activity of God throughout human history. They are ways of looking at the story in order to gain an understanding of God's purposes and to let them claim us. ■



The Drama of Scripture – Finding our Place in the Biblical Story, will be available from the Redeemer Campus Bookstore for \$28.99. The Bookstore will also take orders for the book over the phone (905) 648-9575 or by email books@redeemer.on.ca. There will be an additional charge for shipping.

Olympics for Everyone

by Dr. Mary Dyck

For most of us, our Olympic moments were spent watching Brian Williams on television last August while resting comfortably on the couch. Few of us are able to compete at that level, yet there is a mindset, if not a direct message, that everyone can draw from the Olympic games.

The motto of the Olympic movement is *"Citius Altius Fortius"* – *Ever Faster Higher Stronger*. The Olympics as we know today began in 1896 with 295 male participants from 13 countries. By Athens 2004, there were 11,000 participants from 202 countries and both genders. Each country determines the minimum qualifications for their Olympic athletes to participate in the Games. For example, the qualification for Canadian athletes to make the 2004 games was placing in the top 12 in the world in their event.

Several other Olympic tournaments have been created to include athletes who face physical or mental challenges. The largest of these events is the Paralympics, whose motto is *Spirit in Motion*. First competed in 1960 in Rome, the Paralympics are the highest level multisport international competition for athletes with disabilities, and have the highest eligibility standards. The Paralympics parallels the Olympics



in that summer and winter games are held alternatively every two years in the same year and country as the Olympics. At the 2004 Paralympics, 4000 athletes from 140 countries competed in nineteen events. A functional classification system and disability groups clusters the athletes. The six disability groups are amputee, cerebral palsy, visual impairment, spinal cord injuries, intellectual disability and les autres (the others such as muscles weakness, burns and bone/joint disorders).

Under the motto *"Per Ludos Aequalitatis"* – *Equal through Sport*, the deaf population was first to organize an international sport movement. Since 1924, the Deaflympics have grown to currently involve 3000 athletes from 80 countries. And in 1968, Eunice Kennedy Shriver organized the first Special Olympics, for athletes with mental

retardation or cognitive delays. At the last Special Olympics, 7000 participants from 140 countries recited the pledge, *"Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."*

All of these Olympics offer the highest level of competition for athletes of differing abilities, and there are several similarities among the four groups of athletes. Each athlete trains with similar intensity, methodology, effort and dedication. The athletes can derive the same values that sport may provide, such as self-awareness, self-esteem, a positive impact on development of social skills, personal growth, confidence, physical activity, cooperation, competition, and empowerment.

Yet the most profound similarity of the Olympians is in the reminder that those who compete are like us – we are all part of God's Creation. *"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made"* Psalm 139:14.

That is a similarity and a motto that all of us – world-class athlete, weekend walker, and everyone in between – can share and proclaim.

Now for a break in your Olympic coverage; put the remote down, get off the couch, go for a walk and personally enjoy God's creation! ■

Dr. Mary Dyck is Assistant Professor of Physical Education at Redeemer University College.

Beyond Borders, Beyond Self

Since finishing Redeemer, Janelle Kuyvenhoven '03 has not spent much time in her hometown of Wingham, ON. Shortly after graduating, Janelle spent six months with Youth With a Mission (YWAM) in Australia's tropical far north. From there, she went even further down under, spending a month each on the islands of Tonga and Fiji. "I had never even heard of Tonga before, and now I was living there," she says. Her work there included outreach and children's programs, including a huge production called "Stable on the Sand," a telling of the Christmas story on a beach in Australia.

Janelle is currently in New Zealand, on her second year-long volunteer assignment with Youth With a Mission (YWAM). A business major, this time she is working as a



Above: Janelle with her New Zealand flag

volunteer in the accounting department of the national YWAM center in Auckland. When asked by a reporter for the Wingham Advance-Times what the appeal was in doing this type of volunteer work, Janelle responded, "It's exciting to get to travel to new places and see more of God's amazing creation, but it's even more exciting to be doing it for a reason that is beyond myself." ■

Working Wordsmith

After paying her way through Redeemer editing everyone's school papers, Steph Cilia VanderMeulen '99 finally decided to make her passion her job. In January of 2004, she officially started her own freelance editing business called Word for Word. She currently holds contracts with the University of Ottawa Press, the *Canadian Journal of Development Studies*, the *International Journal of Canadian Studies*, Canadian Prescription Drugs, Essence Publishing, the *Ontario School Advocate*, and many others, as well as with local businesses in the Belleville area including law offices, medical offices, real estate, and marketing companies. Students, alumni, and others are welcome to contact her if they require any copy-editing, proofreading, or writing services. For more information, check out www.wordforword.com, or call her at 613.968.3282. ■

Clearing out the Yearbook Closet

After publishing books for 18 years, the yearbook staff finds itself being squeezed for space by extra copies of old issues of *Anno Domini*. Before they clean out the office, they would like to give alumni one last chance to pick up a copy of a Yearbook that they might be missing.

These back issues are being offered free of charge to anyone who is interested. If you would like a copy, please contact the Yearbook Office at (905) 648-2131, Ext. 4404 or yearbook@redeemer.on.ca. There will be a charge for shipping, if you would like them to mail one to you. After this year, the yearbook staff will dispose of all of these old issues, save for archived copies.

Yearbooks are available for the following years:

1982-83 - 6	1992-93 - 3
1983-84 - 8	1993-94 - 18
1984-85 - 7	1994-95 - 8
1985-86 - 8	1995-96 - 60
1986-87 - 8	1996-97 - 61
1987-88 - 8	1997-98 - 40
1988-89 - 6	1999-2000 - 16
1989-90 - 9	2001-2002 - 32
1990-91 - 7	2002-2003 - 35

Correction: In the last issue of *Images*, we reported that Kevin Huinink '95 was the first Redeemer alumnus to run in the Boston Marathon. However, we have since been told the Jessica Payton '03 ran the race several years ago. Congratulations to both – and anyone else whom we may have missed.

Cooking up a Storm

On Saturday, September 18, Susan

Creer '01 was a guest chef on WNED's televised cooking show *WNED Cooks!*. For this episode, entitled "P IS FOR POTLUCK," Susan had submitted a recipe for "Chocolate Wacky Cake with Bailey's Irish Cream Icing" and was asked by the show's producers to make her cake live-on-air.



Above: Susan Creer and *WNED Cooks!* Host Goldie Gardner prepare to bake a cake on a set at the show's Buffalo studio.

The whole experience was enjoyable for Susan. "The crew was really helpful and very accommodating, and they were good enough to give me some pointers. Goldie Gardner, one of the show's hosts, made me feel very relaxed." Still, seeing herself on TV was an interesting experience for her. "Watching myself on the replay, I had to giggle; I had a hard time believing that I was hearing my own voice. It surprised me how quiet I was, which, as most of my Redeemer friends can attest to, is not normally like me."

And how has she handled her newfound fame? "Well, the next day at church, some of my church

friends were making funny comments about my new 'celebrity' status and were fighting over with whom I was going to sit and grace with my presence. But it was all in good fun; some of my younger friends thought it was 'cool' that I was on TV."

Besides spending an entirely enjoyable day on a production set talking about food, the "icing on the cake"

for Susan came when she met the General Manager for an opera company in Buffalo. "As my education is in Theatre Arts (and Psychology), we clicked, so perhaps this will be a valuable contact to have for the future. We shall see what God plans for this and await His grace."

WNED Buffalo/Toronto, the Buffalo affiliate of the US Public Broadcasting System, has been one of Susan's favourite stations for a few years, as they air her favourite 'Britcom' shows. The recipe will be included in a cookbook in support of the station's fund-raising efforts. Anyone wishing to get a copy of Susan's recipe can contact her via email at ao308@hwcen.org. ■

QuadR.U.C.ous Weekend Set to Debut

The Redeemer University College Athletic Department will present the first QuadR.U.C.ous weekend on November 12 & 13. The weekend will see Redeemer's Men's and Women's varsity teams challenge alumni teams in both volleyball and basketball.

Those alumni interested in playing should contact Betty Steenbeek or Tanya VanNoord in the Athletic Office, either by phone: 905.648.2131, Ext. 4267, or by email athletics@redeemer.on.ca as soon as possible. All alumni are encouraged to check out some great sports action! ■

Weekend Events:

Friday @ 6:00 pm
Women's Volleyball
Friday @ 8:00 pm
Men's Volleyball
Saturday @ 11:00 am
Women's Basketball
Saturday @ 1:00 pm
Men's Basketball

The Buck Stops Here

Student Recreation Fund ceases to collect new fees.

Since 1986, each full-time student has paid a \$100 Student Recreation Facility Fee. The original plan was for Student Senate to collect the money and, when appropriate, gift it back to Redeemer to allow the institution to construct a recreation facility such as ball diamonds, a hockey rink, or a swimming pool.

In March 1996, Student Senate, the Alumni Board, and Redeemer signed the Student/Recreation Facility Fee Agreement, which summarized the documentation relating to the Fee up to that time and which governs the collection of the Student Recreation Fee, and operation of the Student Recreation Fund (where the collected fees were deposited).

Over the years, various Student Senates and Alumni Boards have redirected the accumulated funds to a number of different projects, including scholarships, library improvements, the Outdoor Recreation Facility (tennis and basketball courts), and, most recently, to subsidize the HSR Transit Fee.

On March 23, 2004, at the initiative of Student Senate, the Presidents of Redeemer University College, the Redeemer Alumni Association and the Redeemer Student Senate signed an amendment to the tripartite Student/Recreation Facility Fee Agreement to stop collecting the fee, effective September 2004. This was done in recognition of Redeemer's commitment to construct, and pay for, a new student centre, and that the funds would be better used to permanently cover the Transit Fee, something which has been of great benefit to students.

Although monies will no longer be collected, the three organizations remain committed to constructing a student centre during the next campus expansion. The Recreation Facility Fee Agreement specifically states that the existing funds remain in a restricted account, and that the *Administration commits to augmenting the Student/Recreation Facility Fund assets to cover any outstanding costs needed for the building of the student centre.*

The entire Agreement is posted on the web at www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni. Click the ALUMNI tab and follow the links to the Recreation Facility Fee Agreement. ■

Alumni Board Begins New Year

This fall also marked the beginning of a new year for the Alumni Board of Directors. At its first meeting, the Board welcomed Erin Goheen and Scott Zylstra, who were elected to the Board in September. Continuing to work on the recommendations of the Alumni Association Strategic Plan, the Board will focus efforts this year on identifying opportunities to engage alumni in a variety of ways and a variety of locations. The Board is also planning a number of new student initiatives and improving the way it operates and carries out its task to serve alumni and others. ■



Above: The 2004-05 Alumni Board of Directors: Back row (l-r): Heather Sinnema '99 (Alumni Representative to the Senate), Alma Rivera-Pittaway '92, Jack Klooster '97, Kevin Huinink '95, President of the Board, Al Bezuyen '98, Secretary of the Board, and JD Alkema '97. Front Row: Jolisa de Jager '05 (Student Senate Representative to the Board), Stephen Witteveen '95 (Vice-President of the Board), Phil Teeuwssen '95 (Alumni Representative to the Board of Governors), Scott Zylstra '96, and Erin Goheen '03.

Homecoming '04

Over 50 alumni took part in the several activities held as part of Homecoming '04, the annual celebration of and for Redeemer alumni. Redeemer alumnus and Art Instructor Chris Cuthill '96 gave an address, sharing with alumni some of the research that he is doing for the Senior Seminar course he is teaching in the field of popular culture.

Alumni were also given a chance to see some of the new facilities that have been constructed on campus since they left, including a tour of Augustine Hall. Although the new "bricks and mortar" stuff was duly impressive, many alumni were struck by how much the trees and landscaping has matured, giving the campus a much less barren appearance from when they were students.

The highlight of the day is always the opportunity to reconnect with friends and faculty, and Homecoming builds in lots of down time for fellowship. A punch social and a leisurely dinner provided lots of opportunity to catch up with one another. During the program that followed the dinner, President Cooper shared some of the exciting new campus development plans, and Prof. Hugh Cook closed the day by reading a chapter of a novel that he is writing.

Thanks to Arlene Heidbuurt '88, Al Bezuyen '98 and Alma Rivera Pittaway '92 for organizing an eventful and enjoyable day. Alumni who have ideas or suggestions for this or other events are encouraged to contact the Alumni Office at alumnioffice@redeemer.on.ca, or by phone (905) 648.2131, Ext. 4292. ■

To see more photos, and to see how you would fare in the Great Alumni Trivia Challenge, visit www.redeemer.on.ca/alumni/homecoming



Above: (l-r) Members of the Class of '94 Joanne Brown Eng, Elaine Adema VanLaare, Nicole Page Broersma, Patty Masengi Schuurman, Meredith Dykstra and Gisele Dykstra Mechelse, most of whom lived together in Dorm 17 during their first-year, gathered to catch up with one another.



Above: Heather Hanna Lessard '99 and Stephanie Cilia Vandermeulen '99 renew acquaintances.

Below: Catching up with friends during the punch social. The social was held in the Art Gallery, which happened to be featuring an exhibit of work by Stephen Altena '95



Champions Repeat at Alumni Golf Tournament



Left: Mark Van Helden '86 follows through on a prodigious poke

Left: The team of (l-r) Rod Vellinga '93, John Vellinga '91, Greg Van Rooyen '86 and Neil Van Helden captured the 10th Annual Alumni Golf Championship at the New Course at Knollwood. This was the fourth time that the "Vellinga Boys" have been part of a team that has won the Best Ball tournament. Mike Carmody '97 had the Longest Drive, and Harry Blyleven '93 took the Closest to the Pin Award. Over 45 golfers participated in a day that was marked more by fun than fierce competition.

Personal Touch

Congratulations to **Daniel VanMinnen '02** and **Karin Vlaming '04**, who were married on July 24th 2004. Following in the footsteps of many Redeemer graduates, they left on August 31 to teach in Korea for one year.

Dave '99 and **Christine Westra Mantel '01** give thanks to God for the healthy arrival of their son Zachary Hendrik, born on April 13, 2004. Dave is currently working at Westbrook Floral and is also the coach of the Redeemer Men's Soccer team. Christine is enjoying her maternity leave from teaching at King's Christian Collegiate.

Peter '96 and **Lisa Numan Moelker '95** were blessed with the birth of their 4th child on May 26, 2004. Hannah Christianna joins her three brothers, Nathan (7), Benjamin (5) and David (2). Peter is serving as the pastor of the Lisbon Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Lisbon, New York. Address: 6675 County Route 10, Lisbon, New York, USA, 13658; Email: moelker6@hotmail.com

Barbara Sjaarda '97 married Gurdevinder Singh Bal on May 8, 2004. They now reside in Ottawa. Congratulations! Email: Bbal@backpacker.com

Hobbe Smit '04 thanks God for his acceptance into graduate school at the University of Waterloo, starting January 2005. He would also like to express thanks to all those professors who taught him for his four years at Redeemer, and especially Dr. Derek Schuurman, Dr. Kevin Vandermeulen and Dr. Wiltse van Dijk, for their kindness in writing reference letters, teaching him about math and computer science and for their constant support during his ups and downs as a student. Address: 41 Granton Street, Hamilton, ON, L8S 3C1.

James '96 and **Hanna Julien de Boer '95** celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary this past spring. They have been blessed with four wonderful children- 2 boys and 2 girls. Aidan is 9, Michaela is 7, Liam is 4 and Ariel is 3. The whole gang lives in Toronto, where their parents are usually too busy and tired to remember their own

names, much less anyone else's! God is Good! Email: hanna.deboer@gmail.com

Congratulations to **Amanda Speelman '02** who married Jonathan DeWeerd on May 15, 2004. They currently reside in Sebringville, just outside of Stratford. Amanda is life-guarding at a therapy pool and Jonathan is working for a construction contractor, both in Stratford.

Jonathan '94 and **Anita Sikma Bremer '93** are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Dylan Jon, on July 26, 2004. He is a new baby brother for Cassandra and Carleigh. Jonathan is a Sales Representative for Kaycan and Anita is the Kindergarten teacher at Calvin Christian School in Dundas.

Stephen '01 and **Sarah Weverink vanBreda '00** would like to announce the birth of their second child, Nadine Isabella, who was born on May 19. She is a sister to Reuben, who was born in '02. Email: sarahandstephen@yahoo.ca

What You Take With You

Marianne Roubos Frielink Reflects on Being an RA

A few weeks ago I was asked to write this article about being an RA at Redeemer. It seemed like a huge task. We had just moved. Three kids under five were vying for my attention. Most daunting of all—I haven't written anything substantial since my days of teaching. Redeemer seems like a long time ago. But the more I thought about Redeemer, the more it seemed like a good time to reflect on my years there. After having just settled into our new home, a first pastorate for my husband and finally being done seminary days as a family, it's good to look back, and to look forward. So, I began the search for my Redeemer photo album. I still haven't found it in all of those unpacked boxes.

I started Redeemer over a decade ago, in the fall of 1991. In my second year I was an HA, and my last 2 years, an RA. What sticks out in my mind is not the core courses we had to take, or the joy of taking courses in our majors and minors after having finally decided what to do, but the residence life. There was never a dull moment. You saw it all. The good, the bad and the ugly (the ugly being those who didn't get up in time for the line up for the shower, and missing out before their 8 o'clock class - if we decided to get up at all). It wasn't always easy to have just 2



Above: Marianne and her family outside the Clinton Christian School. Do you think her RA skills come in handy with three small children?

bathrooms for 8 or, in my first year, 9 girls.

There were those times when we had our cooking duties to attend to, and no one had thought about what would be served, or even if we had the right groceries around. Dried out roasts, pancake suppers, a lot of spaghetti, and thankfully for everyone a weekend at home on occasion. They're wonderful memories, really. Most meals were actually quite good. The times of fellowship around that dorm table were filled with a lot of laughter.

The fellowship in the dorms truly made those years good. I can still picture quite clearly leading devotions for the first

time in dorms at the beginning of a new school year. We were all keen to learn, to grow and to live together. But for a lot of first year students, there was anxiety too - about moving away from home and living with a bunch of girls they really didn't know. We prayed for each other, for our families back home and for concerns. And as the year progressed, we got to know each other in the good and bad times. It was during those times that we really could talk, and pray and study God's Word together. There were times of laughter, and a lot of tears too.

Looking back now, I realize how young we all were. Just out of high school, away from home, thinking we had the world under our feet. Really, we were just starting to grow up, to spread our wings. As an RA, I tried to help the girls through all sorts of things. But I was going through those steps myself as well. It was a joy to be part of the residence life. It truly was a blessing to be at a Christian college, to walk through those times with my peers and with Jesus Christ as our Rock. ■

Marianne Roubos Frielink '95 and her husband Harry have just moved to Exeter, Ontario, where Harry has accepted a call to be a pastor at the Exeter CRC. After having taught Grade 7 for 5 years in Clinton, Marianne is now a stay-at-home mom, and has started supply-teaching. They have 3 children, Isaiah (5), Peter (3) and Elissa (1).



Inset from *The Juggler* by James Tughan (Giclee Digital Print, 1999), part of *The Dreaming of Lions Project* installation which opened on October 15, 2004 (see p. 17)

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